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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT
- 2. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST: SEE PARA 5.
- 3. DEPARTMENT REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE RWANDAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN EASTERN ZAIRE.

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THE PRESENCE OF THE EX-FAR, MILITIA, AND FORMER RWANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ALONG THE GOMA - BUKAVU AXIS RISKS EXACERBATING AN ALREADY TENSE SITUATION. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS OF ZAIRIAN TROOPS HARASSING REFUGEES. THE ZAIRIAN PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE 100 FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (PLUS ASSORTED DEPENDENTS AND HANGERS-ON) AS WELL AS THE MORE NUMEROUS EX-FAR FROM THE SENSITIVE BORDER AREA HAS PUT A SERIOUS ISSUE ON THE TABLE FOR THE U.S., THE UN, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WE ARE ASKING USUN TO GAUGE THE UN'S RESPONSE TO PRIME MINISTER KENGO'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, AND IN GENERAL

ARE ENGAGING THE UN, UNHCR AND ICRC IN A DISCUSSION OF SECURITY IN THE CAMPS.

4. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER A BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL EFFORT CAN BEST RESPOND TO ZAIRE'S PROPOSAL. WHAT SEEMS CLEAR IS THAT WE NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE GOZ CONFIDENTIAL

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ON THEIR PLANS. WHILE WE ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO PROVIDE DIRECT USG ASSISTANCE TO THE ZAIRIANS, WE ARE WILLING TO EXPLORE OPTIONS TO HELP THE GOZ.

- 5. ACTION REQUEST: DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT YOU SEEK A MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH PRIME MINISTER KENGO TO QUERY THE ZAIRIAN LEADER ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES RELATED TO HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO RELOCATE THE EX-FAR AND FORMER RWANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL ISSUE OF SECURITY IN THE CAMPS. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE POINTS BELOW FOR YOUR MEETING.
- 6. TALKING POINTS:
- -- THE U.S. IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION IN THE RWANDAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN EASTERN ZAIRE. WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORT THE KENGO GOVERNMENT HAS MADE TO RESPOND TO THE CRISIS, AND RECOGNIZE THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM SEVERELY STRAINS THE CAPACITY OF THE GOZ TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS TO ENSURE SECURITY OF BOTH THE REFUGEES AND THE RELIEF EFFORT.
- -- WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS OF ZAIRIAN MILITARY HARASSMENT OF REFUGEES.
- REMOVAL OF FORMER RWANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO WESTERN ZAIRE, AND RELOCATION OF THE EX-FAR AWAY FROM THE

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SENSITIVE BORDER AREA COULD BEGIN TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE SECURITY QUESTIONS, BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES RAISED BY SUCH AN OPERATION.

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-- HOW DO THE ZAIRIANS PROPOSE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSAL
TO MOVE THE CIVILIAN OFFICIALS? THE EX-FAR? DOES THE
PROPOSAL INCLUDE ELEMENTS OF THE HUTU MILITIA PRESENT IN
THE CAMPS?

- -- WHAT HAS BEEN THE RESPONSE BY THE FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO THE ZAIRIAN PROPOSAL TO MOVE THEM TO THREE LOCATIONS IN WESTERN ZAIRE? ARE THEY WILLING TO MOVE?
- -- DO THE ZAIRIANS EXPECT THE EX-FAR TO AGREE TO RELOCATION AWAY FROM THE BORDER?
- -- IF THE PLAN IS TO DISARM THE EX-FAR PRIOR TO RELOCATION, HOW DO THE ZAIRIANS PROPOSE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS?
- -- WHAT SPECIFICALLY DOES THE GOZ REQUIRE TO ACCOMPLISH THE RELOCATION OF THE EX-FAR AND THE FORMER RWANDAN CIVILIAN OFFICIALS?
- -- WHAT IS PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S VIEW OF THE PROPOSALS, AND WHAT IS HIS ROLE IN THE PLAN?
- -- ON THE MORE GENERAL ISSUE OF SECURITY IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS, HAVE THE ZAIRIANS APPROACHED ANY THIRD COUNTRY WITH A REQUEST TO PROVIDE TROOPS/MILITARY POLICE AS A SECURITY FORCE FOR THE CAMPS? (NOTE: THE U.S. HAS NO INTENTION TO PROVIDE SUCH TROOPS. END NOTE).
- -- HAS THE GOZ CONSIDERED THE IDEA OF USING PRIVATE CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE SECURITY IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS?

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-- ON A RELATED SECURITY ISSUE, WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF INFLAMMATORY RADIO BROADCASTS BY HUTU EXTREMISTS. HAS THE GOZ MADE EFFORTS TO INTERDICT SUCH BROADCASTS FROM ZAIRE. AND HAS THE GOZ SEIZED EQUIPMENT USED FOR THESE BROADCASTS?

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